

Reagan seeks \$100m new contra aid

WASHINGTON (R) — President Ronald Reagan will ask the U.S. Congress to provide some \$100 million in new aid to the rebels fighting the Nicaraguan government, despite the Iran arms scandal. Federal Budget Director James Miller said Friday, "We will not abandon the contra." Mr. Miller said in a television interview when asked if aid to the rebels would be crippled by the scandal. Involving the diversion of proceeds from secret funds sent to Iran to the contra, Congress approved \$100 million of aid to the rebels last year, and Mr. Miller said: "We will be asking for something in that range this year." Both houses of Congress and a court-appointed special investigator are launching probes of U.S. arms sales to Iran and the diversion of proceeds to the contra. Mr. Reagan is to send his 1988 financial year budget to Congress on Monday, starting the process of negotiations with the legislative branch on government spending. The New York Times newspaper, citing confidential documents, reported Friday that Mr. Reagan would propose an overall budget of \$1,024.3 billion, with a deficit of \$107.8 billion.

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Israelis close Al Najah University

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli army on Friday ordered a one-week closure of the largest Palestinian university in the occupied West Bank, a military spokeswoman said. The closure of Al Najah University of Nablus was ordered because of information about planned student protest, Israel Television reported. At the same time the occupation authorities allowed the re-opening of Birzeit University near Ramallah which was closed Dec. 8 after several days of student clashes with Israeli troops. On Thursday, Israeli troops fired rubber bullets at Palestinian protesters during clashes marking the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the mainstream Fatah branch of the PLO. An Israeli spokeswoman said soldiers also clamped a curfew on the Balata refugee camp after shooting to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing Palestinians. There were no reported injuries. Protesters also stoned troops in Nablus, and soldiers blocked off Al Najah University, said the Palestine Press Service.

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Jordan, Egypt to begin work on power connection

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources will leave for Cairo in mid-January to start implementing a project to connect the national power grids of Jordan and Egypt. Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib announced Friday. Dr. Khatib said a memo of understanding had already been signed between Jordan and Egypt for the power connection through a high voltage network. The network will stretch from Cairo to Sinaia via the Gulf of Aqaba until the Aqaba Thermal Power Station (ATPS), he said.

Stock market registers increase

AMMAN (J.T.) — The volume of trade at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) registered an increase of 15.7 per cent in 1986 compared to 1985. AMF Director General Hashem Al Sabagh announced Friday. Mr. Sabagh added that the number of shares traded in 1985 increased by 31.2 per cent over the corresponding figure for 1985.

Dome of the Rock project announced

AMMAN (J.T.) — The committee for reconstructing the Dome of the Rock will shortly start implementation of a JD 2 million project for the restoration of the holy site. Mr. Ra's of Nijeh, member of the committee and implementation of the project would take three years and that four international tenders would be floated for the project. He said the government had donated JD 1,175,000 for the project while the Amman Chamber of Commerce donated JD 150,000.

Garang calls for peaceful solution

NAIROBI (R) — Sudanese rebel leader John Garang said in a broadcast Friday his Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) wanted a peaceful solution of the three-year civil war in his country. "We are still committed to peace... we do not choose war but it is imposed on us by the belligerent attitude of the sectarian rulers who have for the last 30 years refused to listen to the voices of reason," he said in a new year message on Radio SPLA, monitored in Nairobi.

ETA bombings feared in Spanish resorts

MADRID (R) — Basque separatists set off two small bombs in a skiing hotel near Madrid on Friday and government officials said they feared more attacks in the "guerrillas' campaign against Spanish winter sports resorts. The attack on the Vetta Arisa hotel in Navacerrada, 60 kilometers north of Madrid, followed a blast on Monday at a hotel in the Catalan ski resort of Baqueira-Beret, where King Juan Carlos and his family are on holiday.

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Saudi crown prince strikes positive note over settling 'superficial' Arab rifts

Abdullah sees 'some Arabs' colluding with Israel in Lebanon's 'camps war'

RABAT (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz struck a positive note on Friday over settling inter-Arab differences which he described as superficial.

Prince Abdullah, ending an official three-day visit to Morocco, said he was not pessimistic about the Arab world's apparent disunity and disarray and noted as a positive element "the end of the headlong race towards materialism and the blessed return to traditional values."

"What we are witnessing within the Arab Nation are just superficial differences which appear each time there is a return to traditional values, a revival of a nation," Prince Abdullah told the Moroccan News Agency (MAP).

"The present differences are thus marginal differences since there is not one single essential issue over which there is no converging views among Arab states of the state. The objectives are rather the same," he said.

Amal-Palestinian fighting drags on despite truce call and bad weather

BERUIT (R) — Thunderstorms and calls for a ceasefire failed to prevent exchanges of rocket and machinegun fire on Friday in Lebanon's continuing "camps war."

Explosions and bursts of shooting were heard from Beirut's Shatila and Bourj Al Barajneh Palestinian camps as driving rain and icy winds swept the city.

Witnesses said heavily-armed Shabiha Amal militiamen and their foes were still dug in around the shell-shattered camps despite calls for a new year ceasefire.

At least 700 people have died in the battle for control of five Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut and South Lebanon over the past three months.

Amal chief Nabih Berri ordered a truce last Monday, and his announcement was backed by a similar call from the Palestine National Salvation Front (PNSF).

Manila rejects 2 main rebel demands

MANILA (AP) — President Corazon Aquino's government on Friday rejected rebel demands for a transitional coalition government, calling the proposal "unfounded and illegal."

The government also rejected demands to cancel the agreement allowing U.S. military bases in the Philippines and to integrate the New People's Army (NPA) into the country's armed forces once a peace settlement is concluded.

The rejection of the rebel demands was contained in a letter to the National Democratic Front (NDF) released at a news conference by chief government negotiator Teofisto Gungonaga following a two-hour meeting with Mrs. Aquino and military leaders.

The NDF and government negotiators agreed Dec. 23 to exchange comments on their respective proposals by Jan. 3. The plan to meet again on Jan. 6 to begin talks on "substantive issues" aimed at ending the 18-year-old insurgency.

"This government got its mandate through people's power," the letter said referring to the February revolt that ousted ex-President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

"This government will continue that unfinished revolution, to recover from the depths of crisis and to take the necessary steps to right the wrongs of the past," the letter said.

But a Palestinian spokesman told Reuters: "On the ground there is no ceasefire and heavy fighting has eased off slightly today, it is because of bad weather."

He said three people died and 19 were wounded over the previous 24 hours around the two Beirut shantytowns, bringing the number of people killed since Mr. Berri's truce call to 10.

Syrian, Libyan and Iranian officials have all mediated peace plans for the camps, but none has so far taken hold.

Mr. Berri said the ceasefire he had ordered would allow emergency food and medical supplies to enter the besieged camp of Rashidiyah, near the southern port of Tyre.

But both Amal and Palestinian sources said no supplies reached the camp on Thursday. Amal fighters sealed off

Rabin: Murphy aims to repair damage caused by Iran deal

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he doubted the planned Middle East visit by U.S. envoy Richard Murphy would achieve any movement in stalled peace efforts in the region, Israeli newspapers reported Friday.

Mr. Rabin, addressing a closed-doors meeting of political reporters, was quoted as saying next week's shuttle by the assistant secretary of state was designed primarily to repair the damage caused by the American arms sales to Iran.

"If there were a real chance for a political breakthrough, we would see (Secretary of State) George Shultz here," Mr. Rabin was quoted as saying by the Haaretz daily.

Israel does not believe Mr. Murphy's talks in the region can budge peace efforts because Arab leaders would not make any move before hearing the decisions of the Islamic summit scheduled to convene in Kuwait Jan. 26, Israeli Radio reported.

The daily Al Hamishmar quoted unidentified Israeli officials as saying Mr. Murphy was trying to show support for Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, who is expected to seek wider Arab backing at the Islamic summit for renewed peace efforts.

One official said Mr. Mubarak was likely to announce a global Arab peace strategy, the newspaper reported.

In Washington, Phyllis Oakley, State Department deputy spokeswoman, said Tuesday that Mr. Murphy, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South

15 SLA men said killed in resistance attack in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Pro-Iranian Lebanese fighters attacked an outpost of the Shi'ite Amal militia in the bitter fighting around Palestinian refugee camps.

The prince who was due to meet King Hassan later Friday, said the Saudi-Moroccan relationship had reached the stage of a "community of views and communion of ideas and feelings, the stage of cooperation and solidarity in happy and unhappy events."

He deplored the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war and said Saudi Arabia would make all efforts to strengthen Islamic solidarity ahead of the Islamic summit in Kuwait later this month.

He said Saudi Arabia would implement "with fidelity and precision" the agreement reached by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Geneva last month.

OPEC agreed to return to a fixed-price structure for oil from next Feb. 1, with the reference price fixed at \$18 a barrel.

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51-member Greater Amman Municipal Council is formed

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A newly-appointed member of the Greater Amman Municipal Council hailed on Friday the creation of the council as a positive step towards offering comprehensive services to Amman and the neighbouring municipalities provided the council remained decentralised.

Jaafar Toukan, an architect, one of the 51 members of the council which was formed Thursday, told the Jordan Times that the council's present and future work "will depend on the extent of decentralisation."

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O'Connor meets Arabs in W. Bank, urges Israeli leaders to change stand

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (Agencies) — New York Roman Catholic Cardinal John O'Connor mixed politics and religion Friday, appealing to Israel's leaders to meet with him, talking to Palestinians about their rights and celebrating mass at the site where Jesus was born.

The IRM groups the Iranian-backed Hizbollah and other Islamic factions who regularly mount operations against Israel and the SLA in South Lebanon.

IRM fighters drove through several South Lebanon villages in an armoured personnel carrier, claiming they had captured it in the Barashshe assault.

The Islamic Resistance Movement said its fighters "killed all 15 enemy elements in the Barashshe position, blew up an enemy tank and four other vehicles and captured an armoured personnel carrier."

"The IRM lost two Mujahideen in the operation," the statement added.

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Reporters who visited the scene of the pre-dawn attack saw Hizbollah fighters in captured SLA positions at Barashshe. The guerrillas later withdrew.

Israel says it withdrew the bulk of its forces from Lebanon in June, 1985, but several hundred of its troops and security men back the mainly Christian SLA in the border strip.

"I hope to meet with those gentlemen. I would be very grateful for an opportunity to meet with them in some situation in which I would not be violating my trust," he told reporters in Jerusalem.

Cardinal O'Connor is banned from entering the occupied West Bank.

His talks in Amman covered the latest developments of the Palestinian problem as well as continued efforts towards a comprehensive settlement to the Middle East conflict, the Jordan News Agency, Petra reported.

Reagan returns to face challenges after holidays

PALM SPRINGS, California (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan was to end his six-day new year's holiday on Friday, returning to Washington to face a host of personal challenges and a major controversy over the Iran arms affair.

While Mr. Reagan took a break in California, the White House managed temporarily to put aside the crisis over secret U.S. arms sales to Iran and the diversion of profits to American-backed rebels in Nicaragua.

Special committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, as well as a court-appointed special investigator began their probes of the affair in earnest next week.

Mr. Reagan has appointed retiring NATO Ambassador David Abshire to coordinate White House responses to the various inquiries in the hope that

this will free other staff members from the distraction of the scandal so that they can get on with the regular business of running the union.

Through his choice of Frank Carducci as his new national security adviser, Mr. Reagan also has put in place a revamped National Security Council (NSC).

Mr. Carducci, who took up his post Friday, succeeds John Poindexter, who resigned after the Iran scandal was revealed.

Oliver North, the alleged mastermind of the Iran-contra scheme, was fired from his post as an NSC aide on Nov. 25.

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Chad troops reportedly storm Libyan stronghold

Northern oasis captured from Libyans

N'DJAMENA (R) — A Libyan stronghold in north eastern Chad was captured Friday after a dawn attack by government troops, reliable sources said, and Chad Radio reported fighting of "incredible violence."

The sources said President Hissene Habre's troops had battled their way into the oasis town of Fada and hand-to-hand fighting now raged in some streets.

It confirmed the capture of Fada could open the way for a push on Faya-Largeau, Libya's largest base in the northern part of Chad it has occupied for the past three years, diplomats said.

The reported fighting at Fada, 200 kilometres north of a major government base at Oum-Chalouba, appeared to signal the opening of a second front in Mr. Habre's bid to recapture the north.

The Fada report came only hours after Chad said its troops had helped recapture the oasis town of Zouar, in the north western Tibesti Mountain range, after two days of heavy fighting against Libyan forces which seized it last Sunday.

Chadian radio broke into a programme of martial music to broadcast its brief statement on the fighting at Fada.

France, which has 1,200 men stationed in the government-controlled part of the embattled country, has a large base at Kufra, Oum Chalouba's twin city.

The French government has repeatedly stated it would not

send its troops or warplanes north of the 16th parallel which has split the vast, semi-desert nation into two since a previous Libyan onslaught three years ago.

It has also warned Mr. Habre against trying to reconquer the north but the Chadian government acknowledged two days ago that its troops were present in the remote Tibesti area where they had helped recapture Zouar.

A column of Mr. Habre's troops left N'Djameña 10 days ago to join forces with rebels loyal to Goukouni Oueddei, formerly foes of Mr. Habre and allies of Libya, but now siding with the government in the 20-year-old war's latest political and military twist.

Friday's brief statement gave no details on the situation at Zouar which Chadian radio said Thursday night was being pounded by Libyan artillery and aircraft.

Zouar straddles the road leading to Faya-Largeau and Fada.

In Addis Ababa, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) announced that its secretary-general, Ide Oumarou, left Ethiopia Friday on a peace mission to Libya and Chad. Mr. Oumarou will hold talks

bodies of 30 Ethiopian soldiers who had been guarding the camp and 10 nationals working there, had been discovered near the site in western Gwejam province, near the border with Sudan, the sources said.

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40 Ethiopians killed in guerrilla attack

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with government leaders in Tripoli and N'Djameña "on the tense situation between the two OAU member states," it added.

The OAU leader, in his New Year message this week, called for an immediate end to the fighting in Chad.

Egypt Friday voiced concern over the current heavy fighting in Chad and reaffirmed its support for the government of President Hissene Habre against Libya.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali told newsmen: "Egypt is closely following developments in Chad with concern and supports President Hissene Habre in his struggle for the national unity of Chad."

The U.S. State Department Wednesday accused Libya of brutal military assaults in Chad.

President Reagan this month ordered \$15 million worth of military equipment to be rushed to the African country to help it repel attacks by Libyan forces that have occupied northern areas since 1981.

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said Libya "has escalated its violence with a series of brutal air, armour and infantry assaults against Chadian towns and positions" in the Tibesti region in the north west of the country.

Oakley pointed out that the United States was not involved in the military operations and had little ability to confirm details of the military situation independently.

The sources said 276 people were killed in air or ground attacks by Israeli armed forces and their Lebanese militia allies in various parts of the country.

Lebanese guerrillas killed eight Israelis and 78 pro-Israeli militiamen in the South.

Car bombs killed 152 people and other explosive devices accounted for 33 lives. Thirteen people were killed by Muslim militias for alleged involvement in car bombs attacks.

The sources said 880 people, many of them civilians, died in intermittent fighting around five Palestinian refugee camps during summer and autumn.

In January, battles between rival members of the Falangist "Lebanese Forces" militia killed 220 people in east Beirut. The inter-Falangist conflict resurfaced in September and 69 people were reported to have died in the street battles.

Battles across Beirut's "green line" killed 128 people and a further 148 died in Falangist-opposition clashes in the mountains east of the city.

In the northern part of Tripoli, 30 people were reported killed when Syrian troops battled Sunni fundamentalists.

Eighteen died in feuding between the Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party and local Sunni fighters in hills south east of Beirut in April and 27 people were killed in June when Shi'ite and Sunni militiamen fought in Beirut.

Twenty-two people, including two senior army officers, died in political murders and six Lebanese Jews were reported "executed" by Muslim militants.

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Egyptian group urges dismissal of minister

CAIRO (AP) — Islamic fundamentalists have called for the dismissal of the interior minister and said his repressive measures were reminiscent of the situation leading to the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

Pro-Islamic lawyers, relatives of Sadat's assassin, and a controversial preacher held a press conference in which they accused the government of continuing policies of previous regimes and fighting the Islamic trend.

"Present security measures are very provocative to young Muslims," said a student from Assuit University, a hotbed of

Islamic fundamentalist activity in southern Egypt.

"They are too aggravating even to be described, and bring to mind events in 1981" when Muslim fundamentalists gunned down Sadat, said the student who identified himself only as Alaa.

The assassination took place shortly after Sadat cracked down on his opposition, including the summer of 1981 for attempting to lead a march in demand of the immediate implementation of Islamic Law.

Last week, around 600 students took to the streets of Assuit, demanding the release of at least 100 fellow students rounded up by security. More than 120 more students were arrested after police broke up the demonstration.

The organisers of the press conference issued a statement in which they demanded the dismissal of Interior Minister Zaki Badr "for the security and peace of the country."

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American Centre 644371

French Cultural Centre 641520

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Goethe Institute 6419959

Soviet Cultural Centre 642203

Spanish Cultural Centre 624049

Turkish Cultural Centre 639777

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Hussein Youth City 6671816

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Amman Municipal Library 651111

University of Jordan Library 6435355

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old; also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 16th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman, Opening hours 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of ancient art of Jordan. Al-Osra Al-Cidal Hall. Opening hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of drawings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munizah, Jabal Luweideh. Tel. 661757.

King Hussein Cultural Centre (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sport City, Amman. Opening hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 662366.

St. George Church (Syrian Orthodox) Amman, Tel. 771751.

Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Simeleia, Tel. 677534.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Shufi), Tel. 612255.

Orthodox Monastery (Military Museum): Collection of religious memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sport City, Amman. Opening hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 637169.

Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

Service Clubs

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Amman Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

Prayer Times

6:50 a.m. News 05:30 Fajr

06:40 (Sunrise) Dhuhr

11:45 Dhuhr

14:45 Asr

18:45 Magrib

19:00 Isha

Violence in Lebanon claims

2,668 lives in 1986

BEIRUT (R) — More than 2,600 people were killed in Lebanon during 1986, the country's 12th year of civil war, political stalemate and foreign attacks.

Police, hospital and political sources put the death toll at 2,688, 37 per cent lower than the 1985 total of 3,675.

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Ministry succeeds in crop reallocation plan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's application of the agricultural patterns system in the 1985-86 agricultural season has been successful, and has helped reduce the amounts of surplus crops and increase the production of commodities in high demand on the local and Arab markets, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud announced.

He said that surplus production of traditional crops like tomatoes, eggplants and marrows has now dropped, which led to an improvement of their prices, a beneficial result for local producers.

Areas grown with tomatoes before the application of the system were estimated at 137,000 dunums, but after the application of the system, they dropped to 81,000 dunums, and those allocated for eggplant dropped from 49,500 dunums to 25,000, and marrows from 48,000 to 29,000 dunums, the minister said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Mr. Hmoud said that Jordan has been applying the system since the 1984-85 agricultural season, when 110,000 dunums were covered by this system; in the 1985-86 season, the areas included in the system rose to 387,000 dunums; in the 1986-87 season they are expected to rise to 407,000 dunums in the Jordan Valley and the higher lands, fed by rain.

The minister said that the application of the agricultural patterns system is intended to achieve the following objectives:

- Meeting the local market's needs of crops and reducing imports.

- Limiting the amount of certain crops to be produced so as to



Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud discusses the ministry's agricultural patterns system designed to encourage production of crops in short supply and discourage those in surplus, in an interview with Petra (Petra photo).

prevent huge surpluses which used to create problems in marketing and brought down the prices of crops.

— Increasing the farmers' income by selling crops of different types at higher prices.

— Making better and more economic use of water resources with saved quantities helping to reclaim new areas.

The minister referred to a recent survey conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture which points to the fact that the initial application of the agricultural patterns system led to the achievement of self-sufficiency of Jordan in the production of pepper, tomatoes, marrows, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplants, cabbages and melons, which were up by 415 per cent, and that of wheat, barley, potatoes, onions and water

melons up by 55 per cent.

The past years witnessed a great expansion in the production of tomatoes, eggplants, marrows and cucumbers under plastic cover in the Jordan Valley; the excess production used to cause difficulty in marketing the surplus crops, the minister said.

Recently, he said, the Ministry of Agriculture started encouraging local farmers to produce onions, potatoes and cereals, which are in continuous demand in the country.

The ministry adopted these measures after studying the country's needs for different crops. It continues to help farmers process the surplus if no markets are found for the surplus abroad, the minister said.

To encourage farmers to apply the agricultural patterns system, the minister said, the government to further subsidise the society's exports in order to strike a balance between the supply and demand process of egg production in the Kingdom.

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JSPME chairman urges subsidies for egg exports

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has presented his heartfelt condolences to Abu Hassan family on the passing away of the prominent businessman Abdul Rahman Abu Hassan at the age of 81. His body was laid to rest on Friday. Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad bin Zaid conveyed to Abu Hassan family the King's condolences when he called at the Abu Hassan residence on Thursday. The personal representative of King Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, also conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the deceased family.

King endorses loan agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree issued Thursday endorsed Jordan's loan agreement with the Kuwaiti Fund for Economic Development and the Saudi Development Fund. Under the agreement both funds will provide loans for financing the Lower Zarqa Basin project and the construction of the Zarqa Ghor Haditha road.

Dr. Ayyash killed in Vienna car accident

AMMAN (Petra) — Dr. Naji Ayyash, deputy director of health of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), was killed in a road accident in Vienna Wednesday night. Dr. Ayyash, aged 50, became deputy director of health in September 1984 on secondment from the World Health Organisation. Formerly UNRWA's field health officer in Jordan, Dr. Ayyash was Palestinian by birth, and subsequently adopted Jordanian nationality. He received his medical training in Egypt and the United Kingdom. Dr. Ayyash leaves a widow and four children.

295 road accidents occurred last week

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 295 road accidents occurred in Jordan in the past week resulting seven deaths and the injury of 145 persons, according to the Public Security Department. It said in a statement that most of the accidents, 182, occurred in the Amman region.

Jordanian Armed Forces Band participates in 1987 Rose Parade

PASADENA, California (J.T.) — The internationally recognised Jordanian Armed Forces Band was among the 21 marching bands to take part in the 1987 Rose Parade, held on New Year's Day. The Jordanian Band was chosen along with the other bands who participated from among 250 applicants. Bands from Japan and Canada also took part.

The marching bands are flowered floats paraded before an estimated one million people in person, and more than 100 million in 20 countries via television.

The Rose Parade is called America's largest national ritual and probably the world's most televised—and famous—parade.

Pele, the Brazilian soccer star, was honorary marshall for the 1987 parade. He lead 21 marching bands and 59 flower-covered floats—each averaging 100,000 flowers, and some reaching 30 metres high. Biggest and most spectacular this year was a computerised, life-like "Loch Ness Monster," which twisted and turned its long neck high above the crowds lining the streets. Last New Year a six-storey giant teddy bear, covered with flowers, popped up through a monolithic birthday cake. Another float featured a giant floral airplane piloted by a giant floral elephant.

Fifteen nations entered floats. Last year the floats advertised everything from Singapore Airlines to Japanese Honda to French Yoplait yogurt. Says one veteran Pasadena float designer, "This has become an international

event, over which Pasadena has no control."

Even the flowers are international. Originally, the rose was chosen as the parade's theme to symbolise "thousands of flowers in bloom, while our former Eastern homes are buried in snow." Now the rose is outnumbered by local chrysanthemums, Dutch tulips, African protea, and many other blossoms from Hawaii, Central and South America, Italy, and Israel.

The parade originally began in 1892 as a parade of horse drawn wagons filled with flowers and oranges, culminating in a picnic. Then chariot races were added.

In 1902 the climax was a game of the then little-known sport now called American football. (Michigan beat a local university team 40-0). The game, like the parade, grew in popularity until it too became an annual tradition, the Rose Bowl, and a 100,000-seat stadium was built to host it.

Of all the 84 Rose Bowl games to date, the most famous remains the 1929 contest between Georgia Technical University and the University of California. Georgia Tech fumbled the ball, which bounced into the arms of California's Roy Riegels, who began a furious race 98 yards down the field to the goal—the wrong goal—spurred on by the shrills of the crowd, which drowned out the cries of his teammates.

JD 1.018 billion budget takes effect after parliamentary, royal approval

By Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai is expected to circulate memos to various ministries and government departments advising them that the 1987 fiscal budget has gone into effect after it was endorsed by the two Houses of Parliament and a Royal Decree was issued approving it.

The Royal Decree was issued approving the JD 1.018 billion budget on Wednesday, hours after the draft budget was endorsed by the Upper House of Parliament (Senate) in a regular session.

The Lower House of Parliament approved the budget earlier in December.

In addition, AMPCO announced the prices of potatoes and onions in advance to encourage farmers who would otherwise try to sell crops elsewhere at fluctuating rates.

Mr. Hmoud said that AMPCO offered JD 90 for a tonne of potatoes, JD 75 for a tonne of onions, and JD 144 for a tonne of wheat to encourage farmers to produce such commodities for the market and reduce the Kingdom's dependence on imports.

As a result of these measures, the minister noted there has been a noticeable drop in the production of traditional crops like tomatoes, eggplants, and marrows, and a rise in the production of onions and

potatoes, onions and watermelons up by 55 per cent.

The past years witnessed a great expansion in the production of tomatoes, eggplants, marrows and cucumbers under plastic cover in the Jordan Valley; the excess production used to cause difficulty in marketing the surplus crops, the minister said.

Mr. Hmoud said that though these are initial steps, they are excellent indicators that the country is following a sound agricultural course that will help it avoid difficulties encountered in previous years.

The eight senators who spoke during the session as well as the Senate Financial Committee called for rationalising public expenditures, limiting imports in general and luxury commodities in particular and attracting Arab and foreign investments.

The senators also called on Arab and Islamic states to make financial contributions to help finance the 1986-1990 development plan for the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and voiced appreciation for Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states for honouring their financial commitments to Jordan.

The senators also called on the government to offer more support for the agricultural sector in terms of finding Arab and foreign marketing outlets for Jordanian produce and to give the private sector a larger role through setting up a private sector economic council to put forward policies aimed at reviving the country's economy throughout the 1986-1990 National Five-Year

Development Plan.

Senators also praised in particular the government's goals of strengthening the Armed Forces and public security apparatus and to curb growing unemployment and to protect the country's industries from competing with imported commodities.

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Prime Minister Rifai, who was present during the session, replied in a statement at the end of the session that no mention had been made of the GDP since figures could not be obtained before the second half of 1987. He said the expectations regarding the GDP for 1986 were in line with the new 1986-1990 five-year development plan. He did not give any estimates over the expected GDP for 1986.

Dr. Salem said that unlike expectations for a JD 120 million decline in the Kingdom's balance

of trade deficit, the committee, based upon official information it received during its deliberations, projected the deficit to decline by JD 138 million in 1987.

Dr. Salem, a renowned economist and a highly-respected figure in financial circles, also said the committee was convinced that Jordan's foreign debt services for 1986 amounted to 12.4 percent of its exports and thus was still far below the internationally recognised line of 20 percent.

"The committee, however, cautions against foreign borrowing on commercial basis to cover the financial commitments of either current expenditures or expenses for development projects. Instead, foreign borrowing should be diverted towards investments in production sectors or to consolidate the Kingdom's foreign currency reserves," he said.

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The committee also called on the government to adhere to the financial allowances as allocated for in the 1987 fiscal budget in order to avoid any unprecedented financial burden, a characteristic of earlier fiscal years.

Dr. Salem said the committee was unable to reach an agreement over raising the ceiling in foreign currencies of Jordanian depositors from JD 30,000 to JD 100,000 and therefore, senators agreed that the Central Bank of Jordan would monitor the negative and positive effects of such a step and take a decision.

Mr. Rifai replied to the committee's statement said the

government had embarked on a monetary policy intended to increase foreign currency reserves by raising the ceiling of foreign currency amounts which Jordanians could keep in the Kingdom from JD 30,000 to JD 100,000 and by offering other incentives for savings.

On the government's plans to transform the status of a number of public companies into public shareholding companies operating on a commercial basis or into private shareholding institutions, the committee said that the studies on transformation were carried out on a national level with the assistance of Jordanian expertise.

The committee said a special law had to be enacted to govern the activities of each of the public institutions subject to undergo privatisation and to take into consideration the services it offered as well as public interest.

Mr. Rifai, referring to these remarks, said the privatisation scheme was designed to help better services and to open the door for Arab and foreign investments in these entities.

Mr. Rifai also explained that the transformation of such organisations would take place in systematic course through the enactment of new laws and regulations.

The committee also called on the government to implement a number of laws which were taken during 1986 regarding the following points:

— The draft budget should include articles explaining the treasury's general situation;

— The law of the Pension Fund;

— Measuring the revenues of public expenditures on the level of services and development gains;

— Outlining the impacts of the draft budget on reactivating the economy;

— Not to consider loans as revenues.

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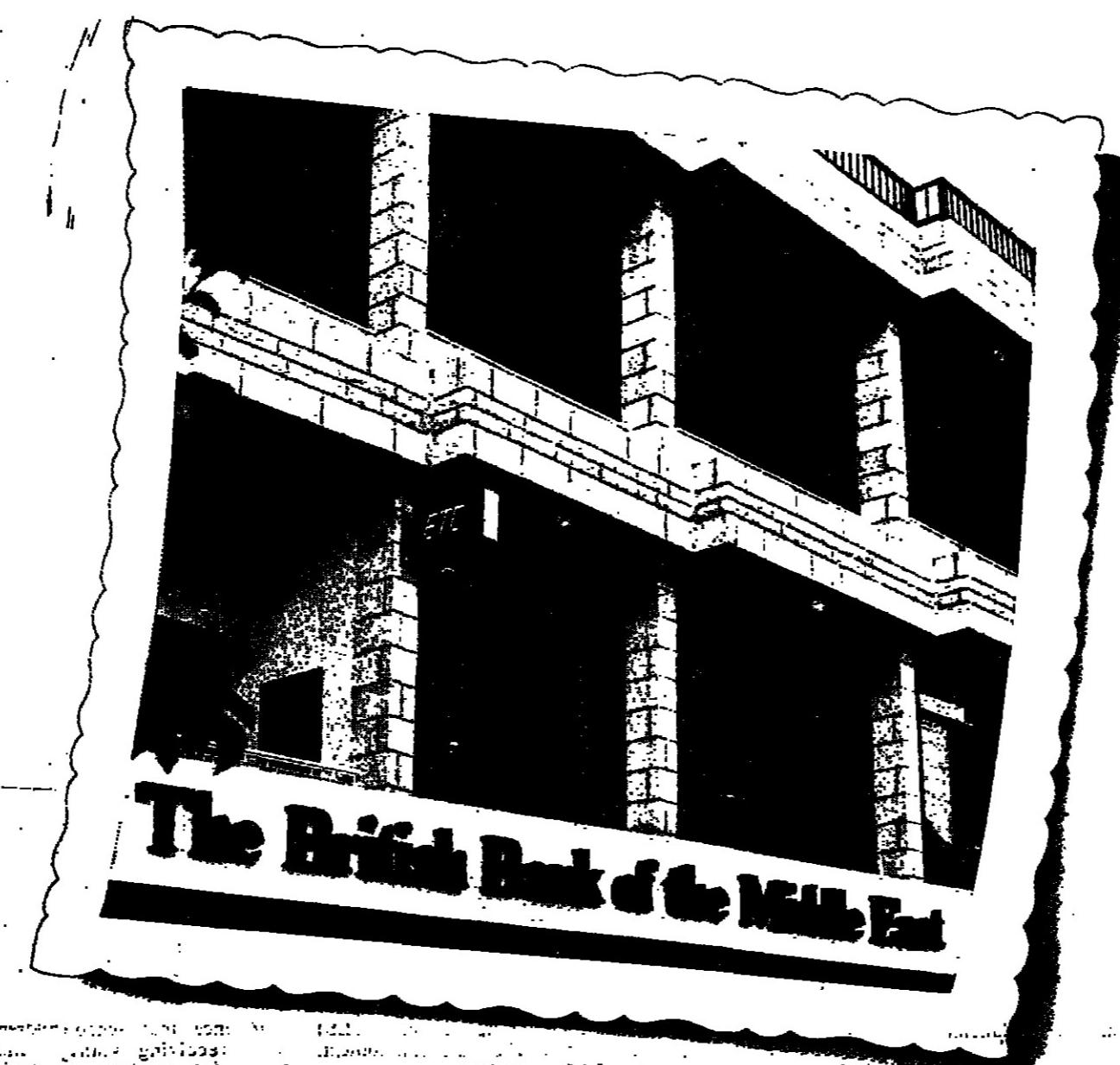
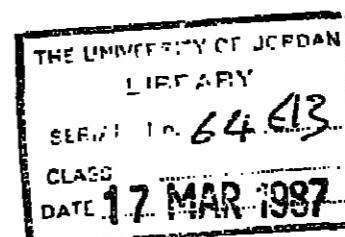
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Remote West Virginia cave yields bones of large Pleistocene cats



By Boris Weintraub
National Geographic

FRANKLIN, West Virginia—The big cats all came to the same area of the complex underground maze known as Hamilton Cave, a few miles south of here. Some of them died there, too.

Their remains lay undisturbed for about 600,000 years, until 1980, when Fred Grady, a Smithsonian lab worker and ardent caver, led an exploration party into the cave. They found beautifully preserved toe bones and the lower jaw and teeth of a jaguar lying on the ground in the damp, dark, J-shaped chamber.

Jaguar prompts investigation

Grady's discovery prompted an investigation led by Blaire van Valkenburgh, then a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University and now an assistant professor at UCLA, with the aid of Bjorn Kurten, a Finn who is a leading authority on large Pleistocene fauna. The investigation focused on what has become one of the major collections of large Pleistocene animals, especially big cats, in eastern North America.

Among the 58 species of animals whose remains were found in the cave are a large cheetah-like cat, nearly the size of a modern lion; two varieties of sabre-tooth cat; a bobcat; a coyote; two kinds of bears, including a now-extinct short-faced bear; a tree-tailed bat; pikas, rabbit-like creatures now confined to the dry areas of the higher Rocky Mountains.

But the discovery has raised as many questions as it has answered:

Since the remains dated to a relatively brief period of about 100,000 years, how could a jaguar, which usually is found in wooded areas, live alongside a cheetah-like cat, which presumably would live in open grassland? How could a desert bat live near a high-mountain pika?

Are some of the bones, such as those of a peccary, the remains of creatures that were prey for other

animals? If so, why were they brought into the cave? Did any of the animals live in the cave? Or did they just go inside for warmth on cold days, or to cool off on hot days in the cave's constant 55-degree temperature?

Why did they go just to this 4-by-8 metre room and a few others nearby, and not into other underground passages? Why did the big cats go into Hamilton Cave and not into two adjacent caves in which only the remains of small animals have been found?

Questions of death

How did the cats die? They left numerous scratch marks on the walls of the cave. Were they merely marking territory, or do the scratches indicate that they tried desperately to get out of the cave, and failed?

And just how did big cats make their way through the "maze of passages, with ceilings so low that humans must sometimes crawl on their bellies, in order to reach the bone room?" Was there another entrance, yet undiscovered, that some upheaval has closed?

All these open questions, however, don't dim the importance of the find. Van Valkenburgh, whose work is supported by the National Geographic Society, says that the cave is significant because "it has so many large skeletons and gives us a glimpse of what large mammals were like in eastern North America during this period."

"We really didn't know much about it," she says.

The reason is that fossil remains are better preserved in the dry, rocky badlands of western North America than in the humid air of the East. Some remains have been found in Florida and in one or two other caves in Maryland and Kentucky, but few of large carnivores like those in Hamilton Cave.

"The assumption has been that they were there, but we just didn't have the fossils," Van Valkenburgh says.

Inevitably, there were surprises. Jaguars, for example, were unexpected so far north. The cheetah-like cat also was a surprise. Only two species had ever been found in North America: one, about 2.5 million years old, from Texas; the other, about 10,000 years old, from a cave in Wyoming. The Hamilton Cave specimen, about 600,000 years old, helps fill the gap in the evolutionary record.

The cheetah-like cat is one of the most complete of the discoveries. Also almost complete is the jaguar. "It's a large jaguar, not the largest known but much larger than today's typical jaguar," Van Valkenburgh says.

Screening the dirt

Recent trips to the cave have concentrated on bringing out much of the dirt from the bone room so that it can be screened in the laboratory. Such screening can disclose many of the small animals that inhabited the cave over the eons, providing clues to the climate and ecology of the area at different times:

On one recent visit, the 13 members of the caving party hauled out more than 30 bags, weighing an average of about 20 pounds each, mostly by passing them hand to hand in a sort of horizontal bucket brigade from rear to front, often with the cavers wedged into passages barely larger than a human body.

Once outside and back into the bright Appalachian sunlight, the bags were carried from the cave entrance, on a high bluff overlooking a green mountain valley, down a narrow twisting trail. The trail was blazed by the National Speleological Society, which has purchased the cave at Grady's urging.

The cavers had spent nearly five hours in the cave; any animal remains, the reason for all the effort, had been there for as long as 600,000 years.



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Saturday, Jan. 3, 1987

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9:00 Spot Light
(Local programme)

9:15 Saturday Variety Show

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Sunday, Jan. 4, 1987

8:30 Who's The Boss
(Comedy Series)

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10:20 Murder, She Wrote.

Monday, Jan. 5, 1987

8:30 No Place Like Home
(Comedy)

9:10 Sandokan
(New mini series)

Sandokan, the pirate known as the "Tiger of Malaysia" who tries to regain liberty for his homeland.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Specials

The Ballerinas

A lavish recreation of the golden days of ballet in Paris.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1987

8:30 Music Box

9:30 Ever Decreasing Circles
(New Comedy Series)

Martin is the chairman of the Residents' Association, the Tennis Club Committee, the Motor Club, the Cricket Club, the Snooker and the Darts Clubs and so on. Life for Martin runs like clockwork and in his spare time, when he's finished organising everything, he's a keen DIY enthusiast.

Ann is a patient and supportive ally but she can be driven to despair by her husband's hectic routine. Though loyal to Martin, Ann is not immune to the attractions of their neighbour, Paul Ryman. He

is a bachelor and the owner of the local hairdressing salon—he and Martin seldom see eye-to-eye.

10:00 News in English

10:20 The Fourth Arm

Starring: Philip Latham and Paul Shelley.

The fourth arm traces the development of a top-secret mission to destroy a military complex in northern France used by the Germans to stockpile the deadly V1 flying bomb, aimed to be launched against Britain during World War Two.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1987

8:30 Three's Company

9:10 The Africans
(Documentary)

More than three times the size of Europe, Africa contains over 50 countries and at least 400 million people, who are divided into a great variety of groups, each with its own culture, language and history. "The Africans" is a major nine-part series that paints a colourful and enthralling picture of Africa past and present. From an insider's point of view, the series presenter, Professor Ali Mazrui, examines the Western, Islamic and indigenous influences which today affect every country on the continent.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Bestseller

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Thursday, Jan. 8, 1987

8:30 Growing Pains

9:10 Remington Steele

Convinced that her being a woman might scare off prospective clients, private investigator Laura Holt invents a male "boss" and names him "Remington Steele." All goes well until her creation shows up.

Stephanie Zimbalist stars in the romantic comedy-thriller with British actor Pierce Brosnan as the urbane Remington Steele. The series also stars James Read as special investigator Murphy Michaels and Janet DeMay as secretary Bernice Foxe.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature film

Friday, Jan. 9, 1987

8:30 Throb

(Comedy)

Diana Canova stars in Throb, the mad-cap, offbeat, comedy series about a divorced mother in her 30s working in the frenzied world of rock music. But will she survive?

9:10 Falcon Crest

10:00 News in English

10:20 Paradise Postponed

(Drama Series)

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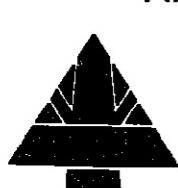
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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to consider your unique and unusual goals for the New Year. Think of the best ways and means to use them.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go over your list of friends and know which are best to retain. Spend some time with these people.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make plans to gain your ambitions during this new year. Enthusiasm is important.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Any new courses of action you have in mind should be expanded now. Set up a schedule.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get a plan worked out that can make it easier for you to handle responsibilities.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Try to please your outside associates more. Improve your handling of civic matters. Be calm and happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Set up a schedule to utilize modern conveniences more wisely. Get better results this way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get your finest talents improved so that you can use them more profitably in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your home on this first day of the new year and see what needs improvement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A fine day for making phone calls and handling correspondence that is necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan how to have greater abundance. Arrange your budget and assets wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A good day to get your appearance improved. Dash out socially in a regal manner.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get those personal duties handled so that later you can go out with greater confidence.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one of those charming young persons who can never do anything quite like other children do, so give this child free rein to use his, or her, unusual methods. Show a lot of affection for this one.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 2, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day and evening for you to proceed with the original and progressive plans that appeal to you. Branch out in new fields for greater headway.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Plan to meet with your best friends. Make new friends through those friends whose qualities you desire.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Contact those with power who can help you attain your finest ambitions. State your plans clearly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Gain new allies whose background is quite different to your own. A fine partnership can be formed.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get your business operating on a more modern level and get better results.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Add new allies to your present associations. Get your image improved and gain more public prestige.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good day to find new mechanisms for bringing you greater efficiency. Make the future brighter for all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Seek those pleasures that you truly like. Stop procrastinating and enjoy them. Buy a gift for your mate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have delayed handling new interests to find a better method, but now go ahead with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A day to have fine communication with others. Be courteous and cement better relations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A fine day for making improvements to your home. Study your newspaper and other periodicals as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be courageous in going after your personal aims and they are soon yours. See your good friends and be charming.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get out of that rut you have gotten into and get into new interests that are fascinating and profitable.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will adhere to the standard, but will be interested in whatever is modern. Give a fine course of education that will bring out the fine talents here. If you give your child freedom, you will avoid a tendency in this one to become rebellious.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The morning finds you able to put some zip and zest into your usual Saturday activities while the afternoon brings conservative ways to achieve treasured goals.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Being with good friends can bring much delight, but don't forget about the ones you love. Have romantic fun.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Contact those who can assist you with career advancement. Any public work should be handled later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handle out-of-town affairs. Plan to see a charmer later on. Be with congenials tonight and be happy.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Put some zip into business matters. Find a thoughtful gift for your mate which can bring happiness.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Showing your finest talents is wise. A clever person can give you fine ideas to utilize later.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Find a more modern way of handling regular practical affairs. Your mate can bring you joy and happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Seek pleasure in the morning, but later finish some risky social plans you have been making.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find some way that will please your family more. Work on some long-range project that interests you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan how to answer important matters with a letter. Get in touch with one who has valuable information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be careful in spending. Try to save your money so that you can feel more secure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Today is fine for expressing your unusual views. Others, however, may not understand.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study into inspiring new ideas and use them to your advantage. Use precision in handling details.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have many original ideas which you should encourage. These thoughts can bring success upon reaching maturity when coupled with the practical. One who should have many playmates around since there is a natural quality of leadership.



Bullfighters risk their lives and take the bull's life for audience applause (File photos).

Winter brings leaner times to famous bullfighters of Spain

By Francois Raiburger
Reuter

MADRID — Spain's bull rings close down in winter, providing relief for the bulls but making it a lean season for the men who fight them.

Except for top bullfighters who travel to South America or relax on their estates, the heroes of the rings generally have to look for jobs to see them through until the spring.

"And believe you me, it is not easy in a country with over 20 per cent unemployed," said assistant bullfighter Pedro Giraldo.

In winter, most of the fighters must remove the glamorous suit of lights they wear in the ring and don ordinary working clothes.

Many drive taxis, some deliver milk, become waiters or bricklayers or look after cattle.

Others are travelling salesmen, taking advantage of the contacts they have made while criss-crossing Spain during the fighting season.

Giraldo said he was lucky that a friend gave him a job in his mechanics workshop. "He took me on only because he liked bullfighting," he said.

"Those who find nothing touch their friends for some pesetas to keep going," said bullfighter

Lucio Sandin.

Sandin, a promising 23-year-old, is one of the very few who use the winter season to study. Gored and blinded in one eye, he is studying at university to become an optician.

Bullfighters are paid by the fight. They earn nothing when idle and are not entitled to unemployment benefits. Only a few have savings.

Sandin said he was left with about \$42,000 a year after paying off his assistants. Giraldo, a banderillero who sticks decorated darts into the bull, said he earned

about \$11,000 for the season.

At one time, many Spanish bullfighters and assistants went in winter to perform in Latin American countries which have kept the tradition — mainly Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela.

But the region's foreign debt and economic crisis had made the trip hardly profitable, bullfight critic Bill Lyon said.

"It is worthwhile only for the very top bullfighters assured of big contracts, or for those who are desperate for a contract and hope for a last chance," he said.



The final moments of a typical bullfight (File photo)

Sandin said fees in Latin America were now often paid in local currency rather than in dollars, and could be lower than 10 years ago although costs involved in the trip had gone up sharply.

Lyon said that Spain's 220 bullfighters, 500 novilleros — junior bullfighters who take on young bulls — and 800 assistants never cut off totally from bullfighting even in winter.

They take part in unpaid trials where farmers select the most aggressive cows to breed the best combat bulls, and gather in public parks for endless sessions of *sore de salon* (sitting-room bullfighting).

Sandin, sufficiently highly-placed in the bullfighting hierarchy to have wealthy friends, said that from January to March he would stay at a friend's bull farm to train for the next season.

In the evenings he would study, and during the days would jog for endurance, do gymnastics for flexibility and practise concentration, "a talent vital in the overall takings," Steve Davis has the best ratio — one to two.

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He would also train on bulls unfit to be sold for a public bullfight. "They cost \$2,000, half the price of a good bull. And you can sell the meat," he said.

Snooker — the pot of gold in potting

Barry Hearn runs a stable of top U.K. snooker players. Philip Coggan explains how they generate the cash at the end of the green baize

LONDON — Friends thought Barry Hearn was crazy when he bought a chain of snooker halls 13 years ago. Today, snooker is Britain's most popular TV sport. Adorning the wall of Hearn's smart Romford office, east of London's East End, is a cheque from Courage, the U.K. brewery, for a million pounds made out to his protege, Steve Davis. It seems the whole world has gone "snooker loopy."

Hearn's Matchroom stable of snooker players includes seven of the world's top 13 from the consistent Davis and the wise-cracking Irishman Dennis Taylor to "Whirlwind" Jimmy White. More likely than not, when snooker finals are causing late nights and square eyes from TV among snooker fans, Hearn's players will be involved. This is the kind of industry domination that in another sphere would lead to an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. And it gives Hearn's group a lot of earning power.

As Hearn explains, revenue comes from four sources. "First of all, there's the prize money. It's chicken and egg. Without that, you can't get the rest — personal appearance money, product endorsements, and spin-offs like books and records." The better the player, the lower the proportion of prize money within the overall takings. Steve Davis has the best ratio — one to two.

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At first, Hearn concentrated on two sponsors, Courage and the snooker table manufacturer, Riley Leisure, which bought his original company, Luton Snooker Club, in 1982. Realising that other snooker players were on the lookout for managers, he formed Matchroom in 1982, quickly adding Terry Griffiths and Tony Meo to his stable.

All the players' income goes direct to Matchroom — wholly owned by Hearn — which takes 20 per cent to cover overheads, and, of course, Hearn's profit. Each player is incorporated as a limited company to provide some tax shelter, and all their tax planning and accounts are handled by Matchroom. "Steve Davis has three companies," adds Hearn, "one for his investments, one for his earnings and one for his promotional activities."

Hearn qualified as an accountant in 1970 and spent three years at Thomson McIlroy before moving into the snooker business, so he feels no

qualms about taking almost complete financial control over his players' finances. "I handle all their bank accounts," he says with a grin, "and if they want to buy something, they give me a call."

It may sound a trifle tyrannical, but Hearn appears to be a benevolent despot, as his ever-lengthening roster of players seems to prove. "I don't think there's a player who goes without anything he wants," he adds. "They appreciate an ordered life."

With all those tournaments and exhibitions to organise, Hearn works a long day. When I met him, he was bleary-eyed after a grand prix competition victory by Jimmy White the previous night. "That will put Jimmy's fee up to £2,500 (\$3,600) an evening," he said enthusiastically. Nowadays those kinds of fees are no longer earned from the old round of working men's clubs, but from businessmen entertaining clients eager to meet, and play against, their heroes.

Knowing where and when his players are supposed to be is the stuff of Hearn's working life. "I dream itineraries," he says. In the early autumn he had drawn up detailed plans for each player to take them through until Christmas. "We have outline plans for the whole of 1987," he adds.

Hearn's nightmare is a missed engagement. "We have a reputation for performing on time," he says. "If we make a mistake in our itinerary, a player can be eliminated from a tournament and Matchroom can be sued." Even the best laid plans can go wrong, as Tony Meo discovered when his car had a tire blow-out. He was docked two frames in the match for lateness, but he still won.

Recalling an incident which highlights the problems he faces with his stable, when they were about to fly off to a tournament, Hearn says: "One is delayed because of an accident in Manchester and one is lying in bed because he thinks the plane will be late."

Keeping the players happy involves a lot more than ensuring the travel arrangements go smoothly. With seven people on the road together for long periods at a stretch, there is a great risk of clashing egos.

Hearn believes there is a lot of jargon talked about man management. "It's important to understand that everyone's different," he says, "but above all, the players know that while they're in charge on the table, I'm in charge off it."

Outside the majors, Hearn feels free to exploit his group's potential. In October, he announced the formation of an eight-man league — his players plus Cliff Thorburn — with Rothmans sponsoring over two years. Not a bad business proposition, considering that seven-eighths of the prize money is likely to come to Matchroom.

— Financial Times feature.

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Nicholas comes alive to score two for Arsenal

LONDON (AP) — Scottish international Charlie Nicholas ended a personal goal famine as he struck twice for Arsenal against Wimbledon in a 3-1 triumph that maintained the north London club's four-point lead in the English soccer standings.

Nicholas, who had not scored since the opening day of the season last August, began 1987 in spectacular style as he also played a part in his team's other goal.

Arsenal's clear-cut victory Thursday extended its unbeaten streak to 18 games and enabled it to stay clear of Everton, which trimmed struggling Aston Villa 3-0.

Second half goals by Alan Harper, Trevor Steven and Kevin Sheedy took Everton's tally over the Christmas-New Year holiday period to 12 from three games.

Champion Liverpool remained third, but needed a late strike by its Italy-bound striker, Ian Rush, to gain a point at fourth-placed Nottingham Forest.

Rush made it 1-1 with three minutes remaining after Forest had held the lead through its

while Chelsea moved further away from the danger zone by downing Queens Park Rangers 3-1.

Another 3-1 triumph went to Oxford United over Southampton, which had fullback Gerry Forrest sent off for a foul.

Luton Town won 1-0 at Coventry City while the two remaining First Division games—Sheffield Wednesday against Norwich City and Watford against Manchester City—both were tied 1-1.

Paul Hart, a defender with Second Division Birmingham City, had a disastrous start to the New Year. The day after he signed for the central English team, he broke a leg after 38 minutes of his debut against Plymouth Argyle. Birmingham won 3-2.

In Scotland, Glasgow Rangers beat Arch Rival, Celtic, 2-0 at home to close the gap on the champion. Rangers, who have spent some £2 million (\$2.8 million) on English players to strengthen the team, cut Celtic's lead to three points. Rangers also have a game in hand.

Paris-Dakar rallyists embark for Algiers

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Motorcycles, cars, trucks and participants in the ninth Paris-Dakar Rally boarded three ferries Friday morning to travel to Algiers and continue the 23-day, 12,000-kilometre event.

France's Gilles Lalay, riding a Honda, was the first of the 494 participants to arrive in Barcelona early Friday on the first leg of 1,200 kilometres from Versailles, near Paris.

The next to arrive was France's Hubert Auriol and Belgian's Gaston Rahier, both on BMWs, followed by Teo De Rooy of The Netherlands, driving his huge truck DAF.

All teams of 73 trucks, 143

motorcycles and 282 cars arrived in Barcelona within the 20 hours set by the organisers to cover the stage from Versailles.

Finland's Ari Vatanen, an international rallyist, was penalised by 2 minutes because he had a flat tire and received help repairing it from spectators.

The car driven by Jacky Ickx of Belgium developed trouble in the first kilometre, delaying his arrival in Barcelona for some hours.

This year's race will end in the Atlantic Beach of Dakar Jan. 22. The course runs through the deserts of Algeria, Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal.

Mandlikova to meet Sukova in semifinals

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Top-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia scored a straight sets victory over Canadian teenager Helen Kelesi Friday to move into the semifinals of the women's tennis tournament at Brisbane's Milton Courts.

Mandlikova, ranked fourth in the world, downed Kelesi 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

The next will face third-seeded compatriot Helena Sukova, a 7-5, 6-3 victor over Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa.

Fairbank squandered a set point before losing the first set and was overrun in the second. The other semifinal will feature

Pam Shriver against fellow American Betsy Nagelsen.

The second-seeded Shriver breezed past West German Eva Pfaff 6-3, 6-4 in her quarterfinal match, while Nagelsen kept up her fine run by defeating Australian Elizabeth Smylie 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Nagelsen used chip-and-charge tactics against Smylie.

"I made a conscious decision to get in and hit the ball harder and earlier," Nagelsen said. "I didn't want to get into any rallies with her."

The semifinals will be played Saturday with the final slated for Sunday afternoon.

Norman is man to beat on 1987 U.S. golf tour

By John Pine
Reuter

LOS ANGELES (R) — Greg Norman, who collected a dazzling 1.8 million dollars last year, looks for more rich pickings with the start next week of the 1987 U.S. golf tour where a record \$30 million is up for grabs.

Now based in Florida, the Australian also believes he can become the first man to complete the "Grand Slam" of golf with victories in the four majors.

Norman said: "I wanted the British Open to be my first major, because it's the world open."

"I wish I'd won all four majors; but there was monkey on my back because I didn't. I'm convinced the Grand Slam is possible. I'm not going to say I'll do it this year, but the possibility is there."

The greatest challenge to Norman in the U.S. and round the globe is likely to come from Seve Ballesteros, who is returning to play nine tournaments in America after his suspension last year.

But Jack Nicklaus will reduce his schedule following a stirring 18th major championship victory in the Masters last April.

The new season opens on Jan. 7 in Carlsbad, California, with the \$600,000 Tournament of Champions bringing together Norman, Nicklaus and some 30 other players who won tournaments last year, including

title-holder Calvin Peete.

Norman emerged as the game's most dominant force in 1986 by becoming the first golfer to earn more than \$1 million in a season.

He won the British Open and led the three other majors — the Masters, U.S. Open and PGA Championship — after three rounds.

With a total of 10 tournament victories around the world, Norman earned a record \$1.8 million in prize money and became the first golfer to head the U.S., European and Australian money standings in one year.

With a record \$653,296, he also became the first non-American to top the U.S. money list since South African Gary Player in 1961 — even though he left the U.S. tour in early August.

Money list runner-up Bob Tway, who snatched the PGA Championship from Norman by a bunker shot at the final green, finished about \$500 short despite playing seven more U.S. tournaments following Norman's departure.

"I think he (Norman) is the next big star," said Nicklaus, who at 46 became the oldest golfer ever to win the Masters when he staged a record sixth triumph at Augusta.

"He grew up playing on poorly maintained courses overseas and developed an adaptable game that most of our young players lack. He was high in both the driving and putting statistics last year, and that's an impressive combination. His best years should be ahead of him."

Nicklaus played 16 events in 1986, not including appearances in Scotland, Australia and Japan, but plans to cut back his tournamentschedule to around 10 this year, concentrating on the majors that start with the Masters on April 9.

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Thursday's action

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touchdown, and Jeff Burger threw a 3-yard scoring pass for Auburn, spoiling Ted Toller's last game as coach of the Trojans.

Cotton Bowl

Ohio St. 28, Texas A and M 12. All-American linebacker Chris Spielman returned an interception 24 yards for touchdown, and Michael Key brought another one back a record 49 yards for Ohio State in the Big Ten conference's debut in the Cotton Bowl.

Spielman, a junior, also killed off a fourth-quarter Aggie rally with his second interception.

Sugar Bowl

Nebraska 30, LSU 15. Steve Taylor scored one touchdown and passed for another, and Danny Noonan and Broderick Thomas led a big-play defense that carried Nebraska over LSU in the 53rd Sugar Bowl.

Taylor, the game's MVP, capped a nine-play, 72-yard drive that required only 63 seconds by scoring on a 2-yard keeper to give the Cornhuskers the lead for good at 10-7 with only 39 seconds left in the first half.

Citrus Bowl

Auburn 16, Southern California 7.

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Bowl roundup

Oklahoma triumphs in Orange Bowl

continued as seventh-ranked Arizona State beat no. 4 Michigan 22-15, giving the West Coast its 12th victory in the last 13 New Year's Day classics.

In the other New Year's Day bowl games, 10th-ranked Auburn downed Southern California 16-7 in the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Florida, 11th-ranked Ohio State beat no. 8 Texas A and M 28-12 in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas; and no. 6 Nebraska defeated no. 5 Louisiana State 30-15 in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

Rose Bowl

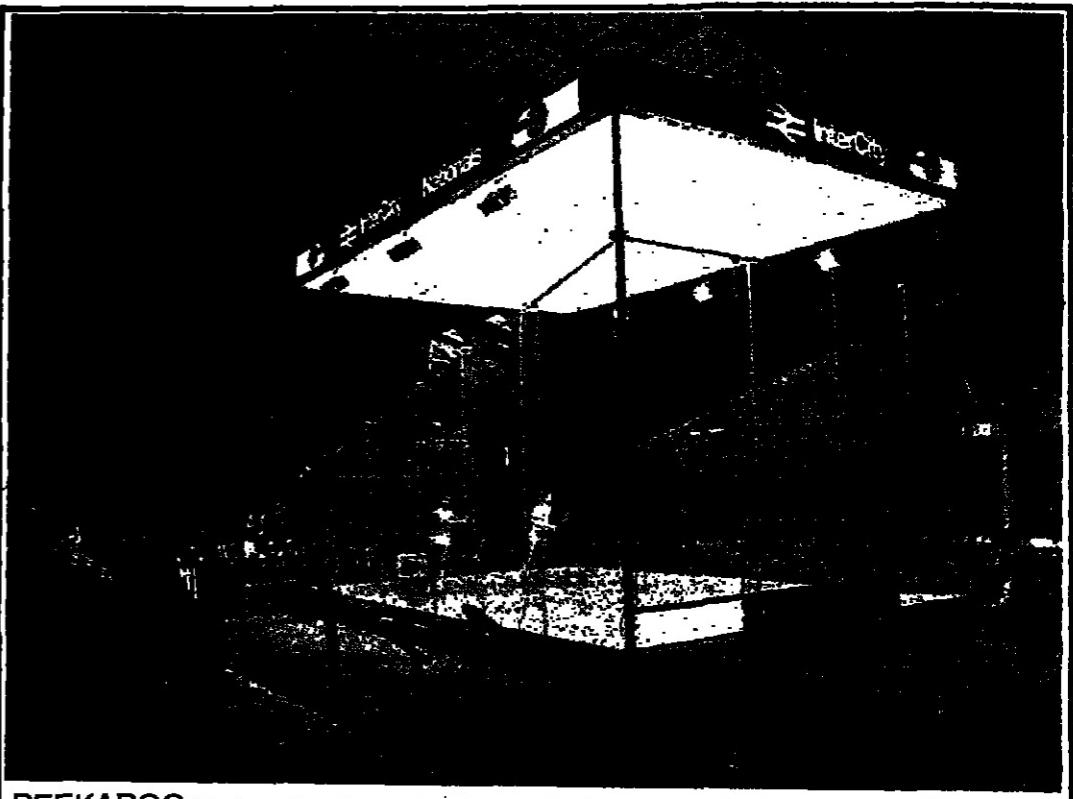
Arizona State 22, Michigan 15. Jeff Van Raaphorst, fulfilling the dream his father had been denied, threw for 193 yards and two touchdowns in the Sun Devils' first appearance in the Rose Bowl.

The victory was the sixth straight for the PAC-10 champion over the Big Ten champion in the game.

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PEEKABOO: A clear view of squash action — traditionally a sport which has been able to provide only limited spectator facilities — is offered by this see-through court at Mark MacLean and Philip Whitlock compete in Britain's Intervis National Squash championships at Bristol, south-west

England. The walls of the court are of ICI Perspex treated with laminated black and white dots which allow spectators to view the action but prevent the players from seeing out or being distracted by any movement outside the court.

Pakistan upsets Australia in cricket

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Pakistan snatched a miraculous one wicket victory over Australia with a ball to spare in a nail-biting third match in the Benson and Hedges Challenge at the WACA Ground here Friday.

Pakistan number 11 batsman Saleem Jaffer hit the fifth ball of the final over bowled by Steve Waugh for two to give Pakistan an amazing backs to the wall victory.

After the collapse of the Pakistani top order, the middle and late batsmen all contributed with late inclusion Asif Mujtaba remaining unbeaten on 60.

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Botham was the difference between the two sides. He slaughtered the Australian attack in claiming seven fours and three sixes before a crowd of 27,125, beating the previous record attendance of 27,057.

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Dollar starts 1987 at 6-year low in Europe

LONDON (R) — The dollar started 1987 at a six-year low on European foreign exchanges, and currency dealers said it would remain on thin ice during the new year because of market worries over the U.S. economy and the Iran arms scandal.

Reflecting the weakness of the dollar, the first London gold market fixing of the year was \$402.40 an ounce, up sharply on its Wednesday close of \$391.09. The metal is a traditional haven for investors when the dollar falls.

The U.S. currency, which had closed at 1.9410 West German marks on Wednesday, plunged to 1.9190 marks in thin early trading Friday on fears about U.S. economic performance in 1987. The dollar had been just above two marks in mid-December.

Money markets were closed Thursday for the New Year's Holiday and in some countries, including Japan and Switzerland, they remained closed Friday.

Dealers said the severity of the dollar's decline has been accentuated by the thinness of the traditionally slow New Year trading period.

The dollar has fallen by about 35 per cent against Japan's yen and 32 per cent against the mark in the last 15 months.

The U.S. unit hit an all-time low against the mark of 1.7062 on Jan. 3, 1980, during the Carter administration's Iran hostages crisis.

The dollar also opened weak against the French franc Friday at 6.3700 francs against a pre-holiday close of 6.4250.

In contrast to the dollar, the British pound started the year on a

firm trend at 1.4855 to the dollar after closing at 1.4825 on Wednesday.

Sterling has been buoyed by stronger world oil prices, relatively high British interest rates and recent gains in opinion polls by the ruling Conservative Party, dealers said.

But some uncertainty surrounds sterling's outlook for 1987, which is likely to be an election year, they added.

The latest scandal over Iran helped drag the value of the dollar lower in recent weeks. Investors were concerned about political damage to the Reagan administration brought by the Iran arms sales scandal which has rocked Washington.

Some dealers saw the dollar falling below 1.90 marks next week and Mr. Richard Jeffrey at London brokers Hoare Govett predicted the dollar falling to 1.80 marks by next November.

Such forecasts were reinforced by the latest set of key U.S. economic indicators issued last week which showed a record U.S. trade deficit of \$19.22 billion for November, much worse than economists had expected.

The cornerstone of U.S. economic policy since late 1985 has been cutting the trade deficit, which Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker has repeatedly singled out as the key to future expansion, economists said.

Weakness in the dollar drew a year-end warning from Mr. Karl Otto Poehl, president of West Germany's central bank, that a further decline in its value could spark inflation in the U.S.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.4900/10	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3795/3805	Canadian dollars
	1.9195/9205	West German marks
	2.1700/10	Dutch guilders
	1.6090/6100	Swiss francs
	39.95/40.00	Belgian francs
	6.3625/75	French francs
	1336/1338	Italian lire
	158.30/45	Japanese yen
	6.7400/50	Swedish crowns
	7.3300/50	Norwegian crowns
	1.6300/50	Denmark kroner
One ounce of gold	401.89/402.30	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed mixed but with a late rally making for a firmer bias after the unexpected higher opening on Wall Street, but turnover was seasonally small, dealers said.

The FTSE 100 share index at 1530 GMT Friday was up 0.4 to 1,679.4, having touched a low of 1,674.5. The F.T. 30 share index at 1530 GMT had risen 3.7 to 1,317.

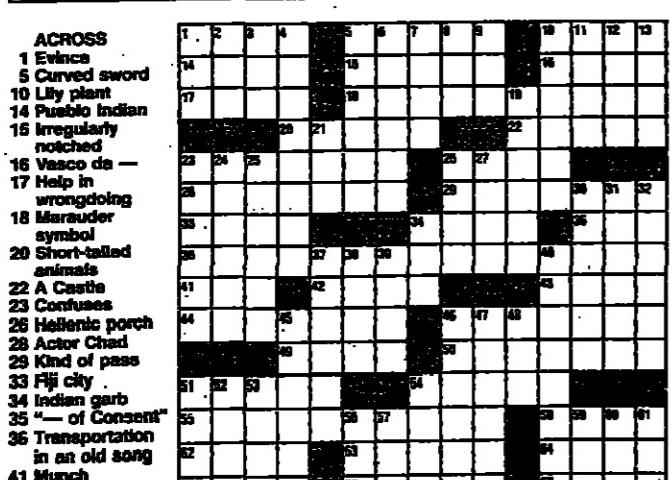
Government bonds met renewed demand, gaining as much as 1-1/2 points in response to sterling's strength, while the advance in the bullion price to \$403.50 an ounce prompted a revival in gold shares.

The weakness of the dollar and Wednesday's 13 point fall on Wall Street forced internationals down. ICI fell 17p to a low of 1,050 but Friday's unexpected higher opening saw the market leader close at 1,061 for a net loss of 7p. Glaxo finished 7p lower as well at 1,043 after 1,034 while Unilever returned to 2,185 from a low of 2,175.

Dealers said the U.K. consumer boom prompted belated demand for Thorn EMI up 11p at 480 while GEC at 189 and Blue Circle were each 5p higher among leaders.

Ronnie Mackintosh moved up 7p to 410 on revised speculative demand while Pilkington put on 4p to 669 ahead of its defence document, due Monday, against the bid from BTR.

THE Daily Crossword



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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20 Short-tailed	28 Actor Chad	35 Consent?
22 A Castle	29 Confuses	36 Transportation in an old song
23 Confuses	26 Hellenic porch	41 Munch
25 Marauder symbol	28 Actor Chad	42 Lizard
26 Short-tailed	29 Confuses	43 Bates or
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S. Arabia lessens dependence on oil revenue

RIYADH (AP) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter of crude oil, has dropped its dependence on oil sale to the lowest ever rate of 55.6 per cent of state revenues in fiscal 1987.

The budget, announced on New Year's Eve, projected expenditure of 170 billion riyals (\$43.33 billion) and revenues of 117.28 billion riyals (\$31.27 billion).

Oil sales, however, will contribute only 65.1 billion riyals (\$17.39 billion) to the kingdom's revenues.

The royal decree ended a 9-month hiatus in which the kingdom twice acknowledged it could not calculate income because of the instability of the oil market.

The budget was announced only hours before an Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) agreement on oil production cut was due to take hold New Year's day.

Under the agreement, which

is \$18 a barrel under the new agreement.

Revenues in the new Saudi budget show the kingdom was counting on an output of less than four million barrels per day, on the basis of \$18 a barrel.

Saudi sources close to the finance ministry said the budget was based on exports of 3.1 million barrels per day and 700,000 barrels for domestic consumption.

"This leaves a reserve of more than 320,000 barrels per day to help the kingdom hedge against any fresh instability in oil prices," said the source, who requested anonymity.

King Fahd has appealed to other OPEC nations to abide by the agreement reached last month in Geneva, warning that failing to do so would push the world oil market into further chaos.

In a recent statement in Dhahran, an oil centre in the Eastern Province, King Fahd noted that Saudi Arabia was

capable of producing 15 million barrels per day.

The budget was supposed to be announced in March. But it was decreed that from now on annual budgets would run from December rather than March.

The new budget is for the Hijra Muslim year of 1407-08.

"The budget has a built-in buffer in case of oil market fluctuations, and this shows a vigorous determination to diversify its economy."

The bulk of other income would be provided by government profits from its partial ownership of petrochemical plants and from state oil companies, Petromin and Aramco.

For the first time, the kingdom publicly conceded it would dip into its reserves to meet the projected deficit of \$2.72 billion.

The last budget amounted to 200 billion riyals (\$55 million). Last year the riyal was 3.65 to the dollar. Now it stands at 3.75 to the dollar.

Spending cuts were lower than had been anticipated. Analysts

had thought the 181 billion riyals (\$48.2 billion) expenditure would be slashed by at least 25 per cent. Instead it was cut by only six per cent.

The deficit, however, was double the expected figure.

The lower percentage contribution of oil sales to revenues reflected the kingdom's vigorous determination to diversify its economy.

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per cent, even though health care is a high Saudi priority.

There have been indications that the kingdom would introduce a health insurance plan.

Subsidies for items ranging from electricity to food were cut 18.5 per cent to 6.8 billion riyals (\$1.81 billion).

King Fahd, in statements on eve of the budget release, promised that direct subsidies would not be reduced.

His message was that his

power would be taken care of, which was allayed last year when

oil, which accounts for about 80 per cent of Nigeria's export earnings, dropped to below \$1 barrel.

Nigeria is an official announcement just prior to the new year confirmed the nation's commitment to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) recently-agreed accord to sell crude oil at higher prices.

The statement said all netback deals, in which the price of crude oil is based on the spot prices of refined oil products, would be phased out by February in line with OPEC's Geneva accord.

General Babangida's speech did not give a detailed breakdown of the budget's figures, which are expected to be furnished by Finance Minister Chu Okongwu this week.

But he confirmed the acute difficulties faced last year when

Nigeria unveils cautious budget

LAGOS (R) — Caution dictated by uncertainty over future oil prices characterised Nigeria's 1987 budget which was unveiled by the military government Thursday.

The 45-page document presented by President Ibrahim Babangida in a nationwide broadcast projected total revenue for the coming year at only 17

Students vow to continue protests despite Chinese media offensive

PEKING (R) — Peking University students, who held two illegal demonstrations in the last two days, said Friday the protests were not over.

But they said they fully backed the reforms of the Communist Party leadership and Socialism. Several new illegal posters appeared Friday in the traditional spot near the canteen and were read by dozens of students who enthusiastically discussed the pros and cons of the demonstrations.

Both were held in Peking's historic Tiananmen Square, one in the morning and the second early Friday to win the release of students detained in the morning. The protests were staged in defiance of regulations passed last month banning marches in the square.

Early Friday morning the government announced that all students detained had been freed "after being educated by Public Security Bureau departments."

One of the posters took up the same theme. "Our eyes look

upwards, our eyes are sensitive, we had just one reason to arrange the demonstrations — to stimulate the reformers among the leadership," it said.

Another poster, signed by "patriotic and innocent, expose the truth" strongly attacked the official Peking Daily and Peking Radio for what it said were false reports of the marches.

"We do not oppose Socialism. The university's students should study at Peking University not to conservatism."

Widespread reforms since 1979, loosening state controls over the economy, have raised living standards and permitted a limited degree of free enterprise.

"The reforms have brought more good than harm to China," said a male student. "We oppose things that block the reforms, like special privileges and bureaucratism."

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protests. The newspaper accused a "handful of anti-Socialist elements" of inciting the students.

In its main news bulletin, state television interviewed a school principal, farmers, and electronic engineer and students. All said the students should return to their studies and demonstrations damaged national stability.

Two of those interviewed said they had told their children to study at Peking University not to take part.

Asked if the government was acting leniently towards the students by not arresting them for taking part in an illegal march, the girl student said it was too early to say.

"Of course we are afraid. The government has so many ways to settle its account with us, in job allocation for example. It may go down in our file. But there were many students yesterday. I hope they will not be able to punish so many."

The official media returned to the offensive Friday against the

60 bodies recovered from burned-out floors of Puerto Rican luxury hotel

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Workers searching the burned-out lower floors of a luxury beachfront hotel found charred bodies of 60 people, but officials said more bodies likely were hidden by debris and that the toll could reach 100.

More than 100 others were injured in Wednesday's blaze at the 20-story Dupont Plaza Hotel. Its cause was not determined immediately, but Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon said Thursday an investigation led by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was focusing on arson because of recent labour unrest at the hotel.

Union officials angrily rejected any suggestion of a link between the fire and the contract dispute and offered a \$15,000 reward for information about the fire's cause.

Asked about reports that remnants of three incendiary devices were found in the hotel, Justice Secretary Hector Rivera Cruz was quoted Friday as saying, "I'm not denying that."

"We have some theory of the (cause of the) blast that cannot be released specifically at this moment," the New York Daily News quoted Mr. Rivera Cruz as saying.

Hot guests told news agencies that there had been bomb threats at the hotel hours before the fire.

Officials said 60 bodies, most charred beyond recognition, were found by the time the search was suspended late Thursday.

Authorities said corpses were being taken to the San Juan Medical Centre.

Forensic experts said they expected to find more bodies Friday as they begin lifting debris from the floor of the casino.

"Up to now what we have done is just pick up the bodies on the surface," said Edwin Medina of

The Associated Press.

Hernandez Colon said the

Puerto Rican hotels do not have fire sprinkler systems. He said he

would seek regulations making them mandatory in all hotels.

Some of those who escaped said no warning siren sounded when the fire broke out. They said emergency instructions were called through bullhorns in Spanish, but most of the guests were English-speakers from the U.S. mainland.

Many of the survivors were moved to nearby hotels or private residences. The Dupont Plaza said it would pay for their nights home and for food and lodging through Friday. It also gave \$100 to each guest to buy necessities.

The 423-room hotel, formerly the Associated Press that John, who has been plagued by throat problems on his recent tour of Australia. Close friend and promoter Patti Mosley said the 39-year-old singer will check into a private hospital in Sydney on Monday for "exploratory" surgery. She told the Associated Press that John, who has been plagued by throat problems for the past 15 months, will be hospitalized for most of the week and has been told he won't be able to speak for a few days.

John, relaxing in Western Australia after a month-long tour down under, told reporters: "I am just very relieved that something positive is being done at last."

Mosley said John had seen four specialists in the past but that his throat problem was never diagnosed.

16-year-old undergoes abortion after court battle

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — A teen-ager in her 19th week of pregnancy underwent an abortion after Alberta's court of appeals threw out an injunction obtained by her Mormon parents. "That was probably the hardest thing I'll ever have to do but I'm glad I did it. And I hope it will make things easier for other teen-agers who have the same problem," the 16-year-old girl from Medicine Hat, Alberta, said in a telephone interview Friday. She said she underwent the abortion at Calgary General Hospital. A court order blocked the use of the girl's name because of her age. Three members of the Alberta court of appeal deliberated for about an hour before deciding the girl was mentally capable of making the decision to have an abortion.

Frenchman dies after New Year mugging in New York

NEW YORK (R) — A 71-year-old French tourist died after being mugged ten minutes after seeing in the New Year in Times Square, police said. They said two or three men knocked Jean Casse, of Toulouse, to the ground a few blocks from the traditional centre of New Year revelry in New York before fleeing with his wallet. Casse later died in hospital. About 300,000 people gathered in Times Square and 34 arrests were made in the area on charges including robbery, criminal weapons possession and assault.

Dutch premier catches thief

ROTTERDAM (R) — Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers offered New Year's Eve chasing thieves through the streets of this port city after they broke into his wife's car to steal a radio, a police spokesman said. It was the second time during the year that Lubbers had been involved in such an incident. Police said neighbours told Lubbers that two people who had broken into the car were nearby. The prime minister and his son jumped into the car and chased the man and woman, who escaped onto a tram. The fugitives stepped off shortly afterwards and Lubbers, his son, and a conductor held the man in a tram shelter until the police came. The woman got away. On Oct. 13, Lubbers and his family assisted the police in a similar incident.

Hirohito greets well-wishers

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Emperor Hirohito offered New Year's greetings to crowds of well-wishers in one of two public appearances he makes at the Imperial Palace each year. Some 70,000 people streamed in for five separate appearances by the emperor and members of his immediate family, police said. Empress Nagako appeared only twice, looking frail and leaning on the arm of an aide. Thousands of paper red-and-white Japanese flags fluttered together as the crowds waved and cheered "Tennō Banzai!" (long live the emperor). The 85-year-old emperor looked in good health sitting as he stepped on to the palace balcony and waved at the crowd from behind bullet-proof glass. "Happy New Year. It is wonderful to see you all looking so well. I hope this year will also be good," Hirohito said.

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Elton John to undergo surgery

Extremists kill jail warden in Punjab

NEW DELHI (R) — Prisoners hacked a warden to death after security forces foiled an escape attempt at a prison in Punjab state, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Friday.

PTI said the warden was murdered Friday morning at Nabha jail in Patiala district, where several prisoners were wounded by gunfire from security forces Thursday night.

Meanwhile, suspected terrorist Roshan Lal Bairagi escaped from

Kampuchea hit Thai military plane; pilot dies

BANGKOK (R) — A Thai military plane crash-landed after being hit by Kampuchean anti-aircraft fire Friday, killing the pilot and seriously injuring a crew member, a Thai army spokesman said.

The twin-seat L-19 light observation plane was attacked by "opposition forces" during a routine surveillance flight in Thai airspace near the Kampuchean border about 250 kilometres east of Bangkok, Maj.-Gen. Naruedol Deprachay said.

The pilot crash-landed the plane at a nearby Thai army landing strip, but only his back seat observer survived.

Group names 10 most inspiring people in 1986

WASHINGTON (R) — An international group has named Philippine President Corazon Aquino as one of the 10 most inspiring people of 1986 and sent her an invitation to a party to usher in the year 2000.

The Millennium Society, a non-profit education organization formed in 1979 and with members in 32 countries, unveiled the following list in no particular order, of the 10 most inspiring people in 1986:

Mrs. Aquino, who led a popular uprising that deposed former President Ferdinand Marcos, for "peaceful winds of change."

Robert Gale, the American doctor who travelled to the Soviet Union to treat radiation victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, for "serving the family of man."

Terry Waite, the Church of England's envoy seeking the release of hostages in Lebanon, for "reason in an uncertain

GOREN BRIDGE

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THE MISSING KING

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It is not often you come across a new idea in bridge books. However, Eddie Kantar has accomplished just that with his latest book ("A New Approach to Play and Defense." H.D.L. Publishing Co., paperback, 212 pp., \$9.95. Available from the author, P.O. Box 4127, Venice, Calif. 90291-0427).

Working from a theme first adopted in our "Goren on Play and Defense" that similar techniques apply to both facets of the game, Kantar has chosen 100 problems and divided them into four sections, two on play and two on de-

fense. The hands are related, as we will attempt to show in this column and tomorrow's.

This is the problem presented in one of the play sections. Cover up the East and West hands with your club and play the play in four spades. East wins the second trump and shifts to the queen of hearts. The trumps are 1-1.

Obviously, the location of the diamond king is key. Your first job is to strip the hand. Win the ace of hearts, draw trump, cash the king of hearts and ruff a heart.

The clues point to West holding the king of diamonds. West has already shown up with the ace of clubs, queen-jack of hearts and a singleton spade. If West didn't have the king of diamonds, he would probably have made a weak jump overall.

Cross to dummy with a trump and lead the eight of diamonds. If East does not cover, run it to West, then allow the forced diamond return to come around to your queen. If East covers the nine, that when West wins the king, he has to lead away from the remaining diamond honor, so finesse the table's nine.

Key points are to use the bidding to help locate missing honors; and to strip the hand before attacking the critical suit.

Best value in a bridge book that we have seen for quite a while.

Black passengers left a trail of violence after their train was delayed at a signal at Winkelspruit, some 30 kilometers south of Durban. Impatient passengers got off the train and began stoning it, damaging 11 coaches.

A group of blacks ran to a camp site reserved for Indians and stabbed a youth to death, the police said.

And in New York City, violence followed what police described as

a relatively safe Times Square holiday bash for about 300,000 revelers.

Some people ushered in the New Year with music. An estimated 400 million people worldwide watched the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in a New Year's concert under the baton of one of the great maestros, Herbert von Karajan.

For others, the revelry was more rambunctious and dangerous.

In Italy, the Interior Ministry said fireworks killed one person and injured 549. More than 1,100 people in the Philippines were reported injured by firecrackers or bullets as a result of street celebrations.

In Japan, bells chimed to ward off evil as thousands of people ended the Year of the Tiger and ushered in the Year of the Rabbit by flocking to shrines and temples to pray for health, success and prosperity.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl had trouble shaking the dust of 1986. The ARD television network mistakenly broadcast a year-old New Year's address Wednesday night. Kohl's government demanded — and got — an apology.

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Reminders of Romans' celebra-

tions turned to violence on New Year's Day, as did other troubled spots of 1986 such as Lebanon and Northern Ireland.

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